

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: LTDS CORPORATION, Complainant, vs. QWEST CORPORATION, Respondent.	DOCKET NO. FCU-03-51
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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO CONTINUE STAY

(Issued February 17, 2004)

On February 13, 2004, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and LTDS Corporation (LTDS) filed a joint status report with the Utilities Board (Board). The parties state they are gathering data concerning all disputes the parties share, in addition to the dispute that is the subject matter of this complaint, so that a "potential 'global' resolution might be reached." The parties therefore request that the stay of these proceedings continue, and state they will file an additional status report on or before February 27, 2004. The parties state they will keep the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) informed of their discussions, and will include the position of the Consumer Advocate, if any, in the report. The request to continue the stay should be granted.

It is unclear from the filing whether the parties intend to expand this docket to include resolution of disputes beyond that identified in the Board order dated November 25, 2003, docketing the complaint and assigning it to the undersigned administrative law judge. If the parties wish to expand the docket, they should file an appropriate motion with the report.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The joint request to continue the stay of the proceedings filed by Qwest and LTDS on February 13, 2004, is granted.

2. LTDS and Qwest must file a joint status report regarding their settlement discussions with any appropriate motions on or before February 27, 2004. LTDS and Qwest must advise the Consumer Advocate of the status of the discussions and state the Consumer Advocate's position in the report and any accompanying motions.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Amy L. Christensen
Amy L. Christensen
Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of February, 2004.